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It's -30 C out? If you're downtown, you won't need to go outside to get your Metro Winnipeg.

Metro Winnipeg is now the sponsor of the downtown skywalk, thanks to a new partnership with Sponsorship Winnipeg. Mayor Sam

Katz and other Metro Winnipeg dignitaries will officially open the walkway Thursday at 10 a.m.

"When we came to Winnipeg a year ago, we knew that we wanted to create some vibrancy downtown," said publisher Steve ShROUT. "We've shown in the past that we care about and are committed to Winnipeg's downtown, and this is just the next step."

Metro Winnipeg, which is located near Portage and Main, is also the major sponsor of the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ's Metro EnviroTeam, which cleans up city sidewalks and removes graffiti downtown.

In addition, Metro's hand-

promoters do their best to keep the area tidy and free from strewn newspapers, and that commitment to cleanliness will continue in the Metro Winnipeg Walkway.

"I think people will notice a difference in the walkways," said Rod Chivers, Metro Winnipeg's distribution manager. "In other cities where we have promoters in walkways, not only does it stay cleaner, but crime goes down in those areas as well."

Downtown BIZ executive director Stefano Grande said the sponsorship is a great idea. "Obviously, it's a positive message whenever the corporate community invests in the downtown."

With the sponsorship deal comes exclusive access by Metro Winnipeg's hand promoters to distribute copies of the paper — for free, of course.

In addition, there will be several newspaper racks, including two in the Portage and Main circle underground, one near the former Canada Post Building and one near the Millennium Library.

To celebrate, Metro Winnipeg is having a pizza party — thanks to the generous folks at Papa John's Pizza. They'll be delivering 500 slices of pizza after the announcement, so come down to the skywalk near the library for an early lunch.

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From playing with flour to award-winning photographer

Shutter bug. Winnipeg photographer picks up two awards for his split-second portraits



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A Winnipeg-based photographer couldn't have asked for better news just days before opening a new exhibit.

Rodney Braun picked up two awards — best portrait and best commercial image — from the Professional Photographers of Canada — Manitoba, last weekend for images that will be part of his month-long exhibit "Airborne" opening Thursday.

"The biggest honour is having clients trust you and refer you," said Braun who was also named Manitoba's photographer of the year in 2008.

"But there's something neat about something like this that comes from your peers."

The winning photographs are split-second portraits of a woman interacting with the dust from, of all things, flour.

Braun said he got the unique idea to combine movement, light, and flour dust after asking another photographer what the secret of a good photograph is.

"See everything, that was his big thing," explained Braun.

"No matter where you are, keep your eyes open and see things that might work."

"We started playing with flour... and it was really cool because you can see how every time we move we have an affect on everything around us."

The award winning shots are two of 40 that will be on display at Pixels 2.1 Gallery at 217 McDermot Avenue until May 5.

The show kicks off Thursday with an opening reception that's free and open to the public from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"It's all going to flour related, but it's going to be a mix of different kinds of lighting, movements, motions, and colours," said the artist of the work he's showing. "It's a real broad mix."

To see more of Braun's work check out his galleries at rodneysbraun.com and evestudios.ca.



Rodney Braun's photo, titled "Abracadabra", won best portrait at Professional Photographers of Canada — Manitoba awards ceremony last weekend. RODNEY BRAUN/CONTRIBUTED

West-end hoarder house goes up in flames



Firefighters on the roof of the home Wednesday morning.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

A house fire in Winnipeg's west end kept emergency crews busy Wednesday morning after they had to break through the roof to get to the flames.

Police say the two people who live at 502 Langside St. were not home at the time and no injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire has been determined to be electrical and damage is estimated at \$100,000.

While firefighters fell short of calling the house as belong-

ing to a hoarder, district fire Chief Eric Buschu said there were an "excess amount of household goods" that prevented firefighters from entering the house.

The house reportedly belonged to a man and his nephew. Neighbours said the man was generous with helping people out and often cashed in his collectibles if someone needed money.

Earlier in the day, three people were taken to hospital in stable condition when a car

somehow crashed and flipped onto its top around 7:15 a.m. in the first 100 block of Garden Grove Drive.

A neighbour, who lives just metres from the scene and asked to remain unnamed, said he believes the vehicle tried to swerve around a parked car, which resulted in the rollover.

Police are still investigating the cause, and said it's too early to say whether alcohol was involved.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO



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On the web

Finally, as promised: Flying cars

A Terrafugia Inc. prototype flying car has completed its first flight, bringing the company closer to its goal of selling the airborne vehicles within the year. Watch the car-plane in action at metronews.ca

Keeping you safe online

A made-in-Canada solution to vulnerable surfing gives peace of mind to public Wi-Fi users. For the full story see metronews.ca

Mobile news



Sparks fly on Twitter between Ben Mulroney and a former chief of staff to his father after Norman Spector muses about whether Mulroney's Progressive Conservatives and Jean Chrétien's Liberals cut a quiet deal.

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Polo Park

Arrest made in assault on senior

Police have a man in custody after a 73-year-old man was assaulted from behind at the Polo Park shopping centre Tuesday afternoon.

Police say the senior was walking through the mall around 12:20 p.m. with a family member when a male suspect came up from behind, took a hold of him, and slammed him to the floor at least twice.

The victim was taken to hospital in unstable condition and later upgraded to stable.

Mall security held the suspect until police arrived.

Police said victim and suspect are unknown to each other and the attack appears to have been random and unprovoked.

A motive hasn't been determined.

Matthew Dean Ottentail, 24, has been detained and is charged with assault causing bodily harm.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Three face charges

Major grow-op busted

Police have suspects in custody after uncovering three large-scale marijuana grow ops.

Police seized 1,212 plants with an estimated street value of more than \$1.35 million, two pounds of processed marijuana, grow equipment valued at \$23,000 and more than \$13,000 in cash between all three locations.

A 47-year-old male, a 28-year-old male, and a 21-year-old female are facing numerous drug related charges.

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Grain. Truck dumps load, catches fire after crash

No one was hurt after a two-vehicle collision that saw a grain truck dump its load all over a Manitoba highway and catch fire.

Russell RCMP said the collision happened on Monday around 2 p.m. at the corner of highways 83 and 16 in Russell, Man.

A 42-year-old man from the Rural Municipality of Shellmouth, was driving a 2005 Dodge Ram truck southbound on Hwy. 83 when it collided with an eastbound semi trailer hauling grain. The grain spilled onto the roadway.

The truck hit the semi's fuel tank, causing it to catch



A red Dodge truck collided with a semi hauling grain near Russell on Monday. RCMP HANDOUT

on fire. The drivers, including the 39-year-old male semi driver, escaped unharmed.

RCMP closed the road for hours to clean up the mess. The corner is controlled by a stop sign.

The investigation continues. **METRO**



Stepping up at the symposium

Second-year Red River College automotive student Robert Tumambina, 20, showed job seekers the ins and outs of automotive electronics at the college's Transportation Technology booth set up at the Rotary Career Symposium held at the Winnipeg Convention Centre Wednesday. The symposium runs again Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **SHANE GIBSON/METRO**

Tories not worried about leadership race

No candidates. Party announced last fall Hugh McFadyen's replacement would be chosen at leadership convention Oct. 27

Manitoba Progressive Conservatives do not appear worried about their leadership race, despite the fact that it hasn't attracted any candidates yet.

"There is still significant time for people to decide to enter and there are a number of people that are mulling that over," Tory CEO Jonathan Scarth said Wednesday.

Over the last few months, several people have admitted

they are considering throwing their hats in the ring, including former member of parliament Brian Pallister and Winnipeg city councillors Scott Fielding and Jeff Browaty. Pallister has talked openly about his desire to run, and media reports have suggested he is set to make an announcement in the coming days. But so far, no one has made it official.

Tory deputy leader and justice critic Kelvin Goertzen had been considering a run as well, but announced via Twitter late Tuesday night that he will not join the race. He cited family reasons: He and his wife have a five-year-old son.

"At the end of the day, we came to a conflict," Goertzen said Wednesday.

On opposition benches

The Tories are looking to replace Hugh McFadyen, who announced his plan to resign after last October's provincial election, which saw the Tories remain on the opposition benches with 19 of the 57 legislature seats.

"If I was going to take on the leadership, I would either have to sacrifice time with the family and not do a very good job on the family side, or I would have to sacrifice time on the leadership side and not do a very good job as leader. Neither one of them seemed to be a very good alternative."

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Bundle of fur. Lion cub born at Assiniboine Zoo

The zoo has another new furry addition.

The Assiniboine Park Zoo announced Wednesday that african lion pair Xerxes and Kayia were now the parents of a new cub, born on March 30.

"Everyone at the Assiniboine Park Zoo is thrilled about the new addition to our Zoo family," said Tim Sinclair-Smith, Director of Zoological Operations at the Assiniboine Park Zoo in a press release.

"The Zoo has a very successful birth rate and we are pleased that it continues with the healthy delivery of the new lion cub."

This is the first cub for



Tiger cubs Reka and Sarma aren't the youngest felines at the zoo anymore after a new cub was born last week.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO FILE

Kayia, who is six years old.

The new cub is healthy and happy, but won't be introduced for at least two months. Last year, the zoo welcomed two tiger cubs, who were named Reka and Sarma.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Job loss. Defence funding takes a hit in the budget

The axe is beginning to fall on jobs across the public service, with the Defence Department among the first to report losses.

Union president John MacLennan says everything from research and development to food services is on the chopping block. But the government has also committed to keeping the regular and reserve fighting force intact.

"If the government is not going to cut the size of the military or close any bases, who is going to do all the work?" MacLennan asked.

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Losses

The Defence Department took a hit in last week's budget, as they need to cut \$1.1 billion over three years

- **Cuts.** The Union of National Defence Employees says roughly 1,100 civilian positions are being eliminated
- **Still reeling.** Public Service Alliance of Canada says 9,700 positions were lost as a result of a budget freeze in 2010

Rafferty trial

Painstaking hunt for Tori, court told

It was possibly the most exhaustive missing-person search in Canadian history, but police found where Victoria Stafford, snatched outside her elementary school, had been buried, court heard Wednesday.

Officers went to remarkable lengths to find eight-year-

old Tori, logging more than 18,000 kilometres in their search for the girl herself.

"Literally, we went 1 1/2 times around the moon," Sgt. John Stirling, co-ordinator for the Ontario Provincial Police's search-and-rescue operations, testified. Stirling told the trial of Michael Rafferty — who has denied kidnapping, sexually assaulting and killing the Grade 3 student — about search on foot, in cruisers and on ATV's and even underwater. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rae calls for PM's resignation over stealth-fighter fiasco

All-out attack. Interim Liberal leader slams Harper after scathing auditor general report concludes manipulation

Bob Rae is laying the blame for the stealth-fighter controversy squarely on Stephen Harper — and he's demanding the prime minister's resignation.

The interim Liberal leader says Harper "lied" to Canadians during last May's election about having contractual protection against skyrocketing costs for the F-35 jets.

And he says Harper deliberately misled Parliament as well.

Rae's all-out attack on Harper follows a scathing report by auditor general Michael Ferguson, who concluded that the National Defence Department manipulated the process, low-balled cost estimates and kept Parliament in the dark to ensure



Liberal interim leader Bob Rae speaks to supporters and the media in response to the 2012 federal budget in Toronto, Saturday.

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

it got the fighter jets it wanted.

Rae says it's simply not credible for Harper, a reputed control freak who micromanages every aspect of his government, to claim he was unaware of the problems.

He notes that the Congressional Budget Office in the U.S. and Canada's parliament-

ary budget officer, Kevin Page, pegged the costs at billions more than the \$9 billion touted by the Harper government.

"He cannot now pretend that he was just the piano player in the brothel who didn't have a clue as to what was really going on upstairs."

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Quebec protest

Tuition hikes nearly cause riot

Montreal police arrested dozens of student protesters Wednesday morning after a group of demonstrators stormed the city's upscale Queen Elizabeth Hotel and a downtown shopping mall.

Police say they were called to the hotel after demonstrators started flipping tables and smashing dishes inside the building where John Lennon and Yoko Ono staged their famous bed-in for peace.

Quebec students have been holding regular demonstrations across the province for weeks to voice their opposition to the government's plan to hike tuition fees.

Montreal police dispersed the crowd at the hotel — but they say some demonstrators headed straight for the nearby Centre Eaton shopping mall.

Police say officers pursued the protesters through the mall where display cases were knocked over and items were broke. They say they eventually caught up to some of the demonstrators and made around 60 arrests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A tornado's legacy: Overturned cars litter streets in Lancaster, Texas, on Wednesday. ROBERT RAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twisters cut swath of fear

A dozen tornadoes. 650 homes damaged, 500 flights grounded in shocking start to Texas storm season

About 500 flights were grounded Wednesday at one of the busiest U.S. airports after as many as a dozen tor-

nadoes tore through northern Texas.

Thousands were left without power and hundreds of homes were pummeled.

The Red Cross estimated that 650 homes were damaged.

Hundreds of flights into and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field were cancelled or diverted to other destinations.

In one industrial section of Dallas, rows of empty tractor-trailers, crumpled up like soda cans, littered a parking lot.

In Lancaster, television helicopters panned over exposed homes without roofs and flattened buildings.

Utility officials said nearly 14,000 homes and businesses, mainly in the Arlington area, still had no electricity early Wednesday.

In Arlington, a tornado hurtled toward a nursing home.

Physical therapist Patti Gilroy said she saw the swirling mass barreling down through the back door, after herding patients into the hallway in the order trained: walkers, wheelchairs, then beds.

"It sounded like a bomb hit," Gilroy added.

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Climate. Spikes in CO₂ thawed ice age and may be a menace today: Study

The dramatic temperature increases that thawed the last ice age followed spikes in carbon dioxide levels in the air, a new study finds.

Researchers say that further strengthens the scientific case explaining current man-made global warming.

In the new study, scientists show the atmospheric concentration of that heat-trapping greenhouse gas jumped more than 40 per cent.

Then global temperatures went up about 6 F (3.5 C).

A study published Wednesday in the journal *Nature* estimated global temperatures using ice and mud samples from dozens of places around the world and found that globally, temperatures clearly went up only after carbon dioxide jumped.

"This, to me, seems like pretty powerful proof ... of the connection between greenhouse gases and global warming," said study lead author Jeremy Shankun of Harvard University.

There are two main sources of carbon dioxide, the chief greenhouse gas.

The natural source comes mostly from dead plants and

The evidence?

6,000

Carbon dioxide levels have jumped roughly the same amount in the last century as they did over 6,000 years to get out of the ice age, said study lead author Jeremy Shankun.

animals and that amplified the ice age thaw.

Today, emissions from burning coal, oil and other fossil fuels add greatly to natural carbon dioxide.

The ice sheet in the last ice age was actually so large that it was unstable, said study co-author Peter Clark of Oregon State University.

The initial trigger to the melt: A small and predictable wobble in Earth's orbit around the sun.

That tiny wobble meant a tilt toward the sun that brought more sunlight in the Northern Hemisphere.

This increase of sunshine caused the ice sheets to melt and sent whopping levels of fresh water into the oceans of the world.

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Spring storms

Ship hits rocks as Britain shivers

Seven crew members were rescued from a cargo ship that ran aground during gales near Colwyn Bay, north Wales.

Meanwhile, thousands of people were without electricity Wednesday as snow and heavy winds lashed many parts of Britain. Twenty centimetres of snow fell in the north.

The Antigua-registered ship *Carrier* hit rocks near Colwyn Bay. Two rescue helicopters lifted the seven Polish crew members to safety. Experts were trying Wednesday to refloat the 82-metre vessel.

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Spring storms

Typhoon-like winds kill four

A powerful storm with typhoon-strength winds and heavy rain halted planes and trains in Tokyo and killed four people around the country.

Winds of more than 144 kilometres an hour were recorded as the storm swept across Japan's main island of Honshu.

Police reported the four deaths: two people killed in warehouse collapses, an elderly man who fell off a roof and a woman crushed by a falling tree. Hundreds more were injured.

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Model may change Trump's pageant

Miss Universe. The Donald gives woman born a male the green light — and hints others like her may enter the pageant

A Canadian woman barred from the Miss Universe pageant because she was born a male has been given the thumbs-up to participate in the contest.

And there's a suggestion her case might allow others like her to take part in future.

Donald Trump, who runs the Miss Universe Organ-

ization, has confirmed that Jenna Talackova can compete to represent her country in the pageant and he wished her luck in her quest for the crown.

Talackova, from Vancouver, had said she was devastated when she was originally told she'd be excluded for not being a "natural born woman."

Trump told ABC's Good Morning America Wednesday that Talackova's case may open up the contest to other transgender hopefuls.

"Probably, we'll have to open it up from that standpoint," he said.

Trump added that his pageant had followed the appro-

priate Canadian and U.S. laws in deciding the matter.

"The laws are very clear. So, based on that about two days ago, we decided to let her compete and we hope she does well," he said.

Talackova had gender-reassignment surgery when she was 19.

She says she knew as young as four that she was a female.

Talackova said earlier: "I do not want any other woman to suffer the discrimination that I have endured."

She added: "I was devastated and felt that excluding me for the reason they gave was unjust."

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The lawyer

Jenna's lawyer, Gloria Allred, has urged the Trump organization to clarify its gender requirements.

- **SOUNDING OFF.** She called the pageant's rule requiring contestants to be born women "blatant discrimination," antiquated and grounded in fear and prejudice.

- **ENOUGH, ENOUGH.** Allred added: "The rule is blatantly discriminatory and it is time for Mr. Trump to say he will get rid of that rule."



Jenna Talackova's passport, birth certificate and drivers licence say she's a woman, her lawyer says. REED SAXON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Welcome to the isle of goddesses

An artist performs during the unveiling of Cirque du Soleil's new show, Amaluna, in Montreal on Wednesday. Amaluna invites the audience to a mysterious island governed by goddesses and guided by the cycles of the moon. And, oh yes, there's a poignant love story involved. The show opens in Montreal on April 19 and travels later to Quebec City, Toronto and Vancouver. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The Harkness Station of the new rapid-transit service is very nice and well lit, area resident Gerald Hastings says. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

A long road

Three cheers for rapid transit

A welcome addition to the city.

There's simply no other way I could state my feelings about Winnipeg's new rapid-transit system.

It's a step in the right direction for our city when, for so many years, we seemed out of step with what was going on in Canada's other major cities.

My first experience with rapid transit was when I was a student at Carleton University in Ottawa almost a decade ago.

Ottawa's Transitway, operated by OC Transpo and also a road dedicated to buses and emergency vehicles, cuts across half of the city, making the trip from one end of town to another fast and reliable.

The other major benefit of Ottawa's Transitway is that it connects several malls, which no doubt has helped OC Transpo reach a ridership of 370,000 people a day.

Ottawa also boasts a light-rail system, called the O-Train, which connects the airport to the city.

Yes, there may be some hiccups when it comes to Winnipeg's rapid-transit system and, yes, we'll have to wait and see if the expected 20 per cent increase in ridership happens.

But the RT is necessary in a city that is always growing in numbers and in vehicles.

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Winnipeggers are invited to test-drive the new Rapid

Transit system on Thursday, before its official start date of Sunday.

Free rides along the 3.6-kilometre roadway, branded as "RT," will be offered from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"RT buses will operate every 15 minutes and will travel between Balmoral Station at the University of Winnipeg and Pembina Highway at Windermere via the Southwest Transitway," said Dave Wardrop, director of transit for the City of Win-

nipeg.

There are also three stations where riders can get on or off. They are: Fort Rouge (in the Fort Rouge Yards), Osborne (on a new bridge over Osborne Street near Confusion Corner) and Harkness (at Harkness and Stradbrook).

This first phase of a planned rapid-transit corridor that crosses the city from southwest to northeast cost about \$138 million.

As part of the Southwest

Transitway, there have also been significant improvements to surrounding sidewalks and streets, called active transportation pathways.

Gerald Hastings, a University of Winnipeg student who has been living near Harkness Station for the past eight months, said though he owns a vehicle, he's willing to give the new rapid transit a shot.

"Usually I walk to school, 'cause it costs a lot of money

to park all day there," he said, but added that if he sleeps in or if there's bad weather, he plans on using RT.

"I'm interested to see how it's going to work," he said. "I'll have to find out if it's worth all the money they put into it."

Hastings also said he likes that Harkness Station is so well lit.

"It looks very nice. I like it at night. There's a lot of light," he said.

That's Phase 1 completed. Now what's next for the city's rapid-transit plan?

Extending rapid transit to the University of Manitoba is the main goal of the next phase of the city's transportation plan, but what about beyond that?

Jino Distasio, director of the Institute of Urban Studies at the University of Winnipeg, said the big challenge now is getting Winnipeggers excited about the new service — and then pressuring politicians to get

the next phases of the overall project started.

"Rapid transit is critical to positive growth in cities. There's no way you can base a whole transportation system on cars," Distasio said, adding that he'll be using RT to get to the U of W from his home in the Lord Roberts community of Fort Rouge.

"I'm over the moon."

Distasio said it has yet

Quotable

"Rapid transit is critical to positive growth in cities. There's no way you can base a whole transportation system on cars."

Jino Distasio, director of the Institute of Urban Studies at the University of Winnipeg

to be decided if the corridor to the U of M will run along the CNR Letellier line or through the Parker lands and southward, both of

which run parallel to Pembina Highway.

"(The debate) should not stall a line that has been studied to death since the

1970s," he said. "The land's assembled. Let's prioritize and then move forward."

On its website, the city says Stage 2 of the Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor will extend the Transitway south from Pembina and Jubilee to Bison Drive near Pembina Highway.

The estimated cost of this second phase is \$270 million, and how the three levels of government split the

bill has yet to be decided. The province, however, has said it will fund one-third.

According to city documents, the long-term, city-wide RT system includes six "legs" or corridors that will generally run along major routes such as Pembina Highway, Wilkes Avenue, Logan Avenue, Raleigh/Gateway streets, Nairn Avenue and Archibald Street.

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From a road to nowhere to a road that's going places

Southwest Transitway.
No point in moaning over missed opportunities, urban planner says



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The road to Winnipeg's rapid transit sure was bumpy, and just under a decade ago looked more like a road to nowhere.

Paul Hesse, who co-founded the Winnipeg Rapid Transit Coalition, said there were some false starts and stops, including when Mayor Sam Katz scrapped the project altogether when he was first elected in 2004.

At the time, Katz said he favoured light rail over bus rapid transit, but something changed.

"It was public pressure," Hesse said. "I think it's also that (Winnipeggers) travel, they go to other cities, like Calgary and Vancouver, and see how further ahead they are."

Back in 2004, the Rapid Transit Task Force was established by city council to find a "Made in Winnipeg" solution.

Jino Distasio, director of the University of Winnipeg's Institute of Urban Studies, was part of the original task force.

Distasio said the fact that Winnipeg's previous mayor, Glen Murray, had been a champion of bus rapid transit was probably the reason why

the project was kicked to the curb.

"I think 'Babies over buses' was one of the slogans," Distasio said with a chuckle.

But slowly, the view from city hall changed.

And as long as the service can offer, in Distasio's words, "speed, comfort and convenience," rapid transit will gain fans.

Hesse said he plans to attend the rapid transit opening ceremony and is looking forward to riding the bus from his downtown office to the Fort Rouge station.

At the same time, he'll be thinking about how much further along the city would be had Katz championed rapid transit from the beginning.

"But better late than never," he added.



Construction on the route last year, overlooking Osborne Street. METRO FILE

Transitway, the right way

- The city's goal is to boost ridership by 20 per cent.
- Rapid-transit service information is available April 8 on all TransitTOOLS: winnipegtransit.com, Navigo trip planner, TeleBUS, BUSxt, BUSguide, BUSwatch and BUSgadget.
- The newest vehicles will be used on rapid transit, with buses that offer low-floor easy access, a wheelchair ramp, air conditioning, additional leg room, a security camera system and GPS tracking to provide real-time departure data for the Transit info system.
- Buses will be outfitted with bike racks from May 1 to Oct. 31.
- New and upgraded Active Transportation Paths are also part of the Southwest Transitway project, with more bike paths and walkways to and from the major stations.

Suicide bomber targets Somalia's prime minister

Terrorism. Theatre bombing kills 10 people, wounds dozens more

Two weeks ago, Somalia's National Theater reopened for the first time in 20 years for a concert that drew an audience in festive colours in a city trying to rise above war.

A welcoming banner proclaimed: "The country is being rebuilt."

On Wednesday, the theatre was turned into a scene of screams, chaos and blood when a suicide bomber attacked another high-profile event, killing 10 people, wounding dozens and shattering a tentative peace in the capital, Mogadishu.

The blast occurred as Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali stood at the podium to deliver a speech. He was unharmed, said

Near miss

Charge d'affaires Omar Jamal said the bombing was an attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali.

- The prime minister was sitting among a group of officials, and the suicide bomber was in an adjacent row, trying to figure out which one was her target, when Ali got up and went on stage to speak.

government spokesman Abdirahman Omar Osman, but the president of Somalia's Olympic committee and the head of its soccer federation were among the dead.

The government said a female suicide bomber carried out the attack.

The Islamist militant group al-Shabab used its official Twitter feed to claim

responsibility for the bombing.

The al-Qaida-linked organization said explosives had been planted in the theatre before the event, but an Associated Press journalist at the scene said there was no large blast crater, making a suicide bombing more likely.

"It was a cowardly act and that will not deter the government from performing its national duties," Osman said.

Wednesday's ceremony was part of that rebirth of entertainment, celebrating the first anniversary of the start of a national TV station.

"The blast happened as musicians were singing and spectators were clapping for them," said Salah Jimal, who attended but received only scratches from the bombing.

"Huge smoke made the whole scene go dark."

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Suicide bomber

Ten killed in Afghan bombing

A suicide bomber on a motorcycle killed at least 10 people, including three American soldiers, at a park in a relatively peaceful area of northern Afghanistan on Wednesday.

The Taliban, which claimed responsibility for the attack, are targeting Afghan and NATO security forces as they fight to assert their power and undermine U.S. efforts to try to build up the Afghan military, who will take the lead in combat responsibility over the next couple of years.

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Problematic poetry

Nobel laureate calls Israel threat

German Nobel literature laureate Guenter Grass labelled Israel a threat to "already fragile world peace" in a poem published Wednesday.

The poem criticized what he described as Western hypocrisy over Israel's own suspected nuclear program.

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Hunger strike turns to riot

A riot policeman runs past fires caused by petrol bombs thrown by Bahraini anti-government protesters Wednesday in Sanabis, Bahrain, during clashes that erupted when police dispersed a march in support of an imprisoned human rights activist who has been on a hunger strike for more than 50 days. HASAN JAMALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New Orleans police officers, from left, Robert Faulcon Jr., Robert Gisevius Jr. and Kenneth Bowen arrive for booking on Jan. 2, 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Decades in jail for cops

New Orleans. Officers sentenced for killings, falsifying evidence

Five former New Orleans police officers were sentenced Wednesday to prison terms ranging from six to 65 years for their roles in deadly shootings of unarmed residents in the chaotic days after hurricane Katrina, with the judge lashing out at prosecutors for two hours on their handling of the case.

Police shot six people at a bridge on Sept. 4, 2005, killing two, less than a week after Katrina made landfall. To make the shootings appear justified, officers conspired to plant a gun, fabricate witnesses and falsify reports. The case became the centrepiece of the Justice Department's push to clean up the troubled New Orleans Police Department.

Kenneth Bowen, Robert Gisevius, Anthony Villavaso and Robert Faulcon were convicted of federal firearms charges that carried mandatory minimum prison sen-

tences of at least 35 years. Retired Sgt. Arthur "Archie" Kaufman, who was assigned to investigate the shootings, was convicted of helping orchestrate the coverup.

Faulcon, who was convicted on charges in both fatal shootings, faces the stiffest sentence of 65 years. Bowen and Gisevius each face 40 years, while Villavaso was sentenced to 38. Kaufman received the lightest sentence at six years. All five officers were convicted of participating in a cover-up.

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Fuel frustration. Gas prices spike across the country

Gasoline prices are up sharply in many parts of Canada and, while a hike Wednesday was less than some predicted, the consensus suggests it's just the beginning of increases heading into the summer.

In Toronto, prices were up almost 3.4 cents a litre on Wednesday afternoon to an average of about \$1.38 for regular gasoline, according to GasBuddy.com, a website that compiles data submitted by users across the country.

Prices were also up 2.6 cents per litre in Ottawa,

for an average price of \$1.32 per litre, and up 2.4 cents to nearly \$1.36 in Hamilton, according to GasBuddy.com.

Elsewhere, the price spike was more modest. In Quebec City, GasBuddy said prices were up less than half a cent at \$1.41 per litre and they actually declined in Montreal by six-tenths of a cent to about \$1.47 per litre.

Even with prices up four cents per litre to over \$1.18, Edmonton still had the lowest price among major Canadian cities surveyed.

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Automakers. Canadian vehicle sales up in March

Canadian auto sales rose a modest 2.8 per cent in March as consumers bought more new cars than a year earlier, offsetting a slight decline in truck sales.

Automakers sold some 157,750 vehicles for the month, compared to 153,485 in March a year ago, according to data from DesRosiers Auto Consultants.

A 6.5-per cent boost in car sales more than offset a drop in truck sales of 0.3 per cent.

The Detroit Big Three automakers — Chrysler, Ford and GM — lost market share to foreign nameplates, which now make up some 55.7 per cent of the Canadian market place.

Still, Ford Canada was the top-selling automaker last month, wresting the title back from Chrysler, which had been the leading automaker in Canada for the opening two months of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Banking on big bonuses

National Bank CEO and president Louis Vachon attends the company's annual general meeting in Montreal on Wednesday. An activist group is calling on the bank to change the way it pays its top executives, saying the \$8.4 million in salary and bonuses paid to Vachon last year was "exorbitant." GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CBC slashes jobs in wake of budget

Public broadcaster. Facing a \$200-million shortfall, CBC announces major layoffs and potential advertising on radio

Fans of the CBC can expect fewer new shows on television and more ads on radio as the public broadcaster cuts hundreds of jobs in the wake of the federal budget.

News and entertainment will be hit but marquee TV and radio programs, as well as hockey broadcasts, will be protected, CBC officials said Wednesday.

The changes followed the decision by the Conservatives to axe 10 per cent of the broadcaster's budget as part of a government-wide cost-cutting effort.

Government funding makes up about 64 per cent of CBC's

budget and the corporation receives about \$1.15 billion a year from taxpayers.

While the Tories have had a bull's-eye on the corporation for years, CBC President Hubert Lacroix wouldn't say whether he viewed the cuts as political payback.

The public broadcaster expects to lay off more than 650 people over the next three years, with the majority let go this year.

Lacroix says the financial pressure doesn't just come from the federal government cuts. In reality, the CBC faces a \$200-million shortfall, as well as \$25 million in severance costs for the layoffs.

About \$50 million will be made up in new revenue and the CBC has applied for permission to run ads on CBC Radio 2 and Espace musique.

But to cut costs, the CBC is making major changes across the country.

They'll sell buildings, close

music libraries, move broadcasts of Radio Canada International entirely to the Internet and cut back on news, music and sports programming.

The savings will be spread between both English and French services.

CBC will also delay the launch of some regional initiatives and shut down analog broadcasting earlier than expected, cutting off some 600,000 Canadians.

The cuts will be difficult in the context of the success the broadcaster has had lately, said Kirstine Stewart, executive vice-president of English services.

"I know that Canadians in large part have been asking for more and more of the content we've been providing them," she said.

"I think we can commiserate with them about the fact that we will not be able to deliver as much as we have in the recent past."

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Finance fracas

Carney dismisses bankers' concern

Mark Carney is firing back at Canadian bankers for requesting a pause on global financial reforms aimed at averting a repeat of the 2008 global crisis.

The Bank of Canada governor said in an interview with The Canadian Press that reforms should continue until the structural changes needed to eliminate irresponsible risk-taking are completed.

And he dismissed concerns voiced by Canadians Bankers Association head Terry Campbell who cited "unintended consequences" Tuesday when he said no one knows what impact the comprehensive reforms would have on the system.

Carney, who has fought resistance to reforms from the U.S. banking community, appeared to have no patience with even mild concerns from Canada's banking sector.

"No one pressed pause in the middle of the financial crisis when \$4 trillion was lost and 28 million jobs were lost — 400,000 here in Canada," he said.

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A new Canadian study is out that shows unhealthy eaters, drinkers, smokers and layabouts die sooner, proving for the first time in a major research paper that major

research papers are useless.

My first reaction is to ask what's new here. It seems like scientists got a research grant, slacked off for a few months with Doritos and Xbox, then realized their deadline had arrived and slapped something together about unhealthy living, their orange fingertips staining the keyboard.

But that's not the main reason health studies like this are useless. No, the big reason is that clearly nobody listens to them.

The study says 60 per cent of all people die because of problems stemming from drinking, smoking and other preventable health issues. Other Canadian deaths are caused by:

- 15 per cent: Run over by a bus while playing Angry Birds.
- 15 per cent: Death by overexposure because 5 C weather in March led them to wear a T-shirt and shorts.
- 10 per cent: Rightly beaten to death for shouting, "Whooh! Party!" on the sidewalk at 4 a.m.

So, any way you look at it, we kind of get what's coming to us. Widespread unhealthiness is why study after study comes out saying the same thing. Because though research papers may be stupid and repetitive, nothing is more stupid and repetitive than the average person.

My solution? So glad you asked. Let's admit our approach is wrong and reverse course. Completely. Let's embrace Death.

I have a cigarette-smoking friend of mine who suggests, tobacco firmly in cheek, that the government should be happy she smokes since people usually die of lung cancer so quickly.

I say she's on to something. If we're all going to be hedonistic dopes — and we are — then let's embrace our early deaths and save on health care. Given government budget problems, I'm sure politicians would be happy if we went so all-in that we moved straight past health-care spending and directly into boost-ing the funeral industry.

I like to imagine Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty getting frustrated as he watches those "Make Death Wait" Heart and Stroke commercials where "Death" blathers on about all the nearby people he's going to kill eventually.

"What are you, a Bond villain?" Dalton yells at the screen. "Shut up and finish the job!"

With my pragmatic approach, we can expect new provincial slogans like: "New Brunswick — The Pitcher Province"; "Yukon — Home of both types of Klondike Bar"; and "Ontario — Smoke 'em if you got 'em."

And we can save researchers and health organizations from the pain of being ignored when they could be trying Blazin' Jalapeno Doritos and learning a new move on NHL '12.

Let's not make Death wait, people. He's a busy man.



It's time to turn the tables, or strollers, and embrace our sluggish ways.

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The newly waxed



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Immortalized

Royals get (wax) seal of approval

MARYLEBONE, LONDON. The moment Prince William and Kate Middleton announced their engagement has been immortalized ... in wax. Madame Tussauds has unveiled waxwork figures of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, adorned in replicas of the outfits they wore at the announcement in November 2010. **METRO**

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Sculptor Stephen Mansfield



Will and Kate after announcing their engagement. GETTY IMAGES

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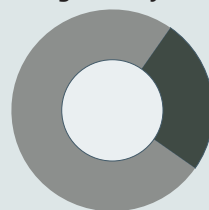
pounds (about \$240,000) is how much it cost to create each figure. A team of sculptors and hair and colour artists took four months to complete the waxworks.



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Whoa...there are some CF-18's flying over Polo Park right now. The sound so cool!

@JazmineElph:

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Richard Crouse got a lot of flack for loving *Wanderlust* — but he's putting it out there again. Go see it if you haven't yet. HANDOUT

See them before they're gone

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Long weekend. Ditch the egg hunts and spring cleaning and check out these films you may have missed over the last little while

Richard: Mark, my four-star review of the movie *Wanderlust* got me the most hate mail I've received since my pan of *The Passion of the Christ*. I should note that for every hateful, name-calling email I received, I also got one thanking me for recommending the film, but WOW did the people who hated the movie ever take it out on me. Having said that, I'm going to invite more invective and recommend it again. Go see it before it leaves the theatres forever. It's a funny, if

quite raunchy, movie. **Mark:** I don't know why *Wanderlust* was so pilloried by the critics and so ignored by the audience. Fear of the '60s, perhaps. But like you, I loved it. Let me put in a few kind words about *Salmon Fishing In Yemen*. The title might be off-putting but it's a gentle satire and romance with great performances by Ewan Macgregor and Kristin Scott-Thomas. The visuals are crisp as is the dialogue. You could take your granny to this one but it still has a bit of an edge.

RC: You failed to mention the charming Emily Blunt, who to me, was the reason to see *Salmon Fishing*. On the other end of the scale is *Goon*, a Canadian hockey movie that rivals *Slap Shot* for profanity and sheer bravado. It's a mix of romance and hockey,

Synopsis

- Long weekends are the perfect time to catch up on all those movies you've been meaning to see but haven't. In this special long weekend column, the Reel Guys suggest some of the best movies to check out this weekend before they leave theatres.

but let's be real here; the only love story anyone cared about in this movie was the love of the game.

MB: Didn't see it because I'm not a hockey fan and after *Breakaway* and *Score* I wasn't optimistic. I am a Woody Harrelson fan, though, and *Rampart* is still playing in theatres. More of a character study than a story, Woody plays the ul-

timate bad cop as we see his world fall to pieces. Dark, rough, and thoroughly enjoyable.

RC: Wow, your picks are way more heavy-duty than mine. I guess we know who the serious Reel Guy is. My last long weekend pick is *Chronicle*. It's sci fi, which I usually don't care much for, and it is one of those "found footage" films, which I really don't usually care for, but the story of three friends who gain superpowers is original, funny and smart.

MB: I really enjoyed *Chronicle*. A wonderful combination of glorious sci-fi set in the world of totally believable and realistic teens. So I'm in total agreement with you on that one. Of course it's no John Carter. But what is?

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Scene in brief

Canada helps create RoboCop statue

Plans are moving forward for a Detroit statue of the fictional crime-fighting cyborg RoboCop. The Detroit News reports Wednesday that a RoboCop model is being scanned at a studio in Canada. When the scanning process is completed, artists will create foam pieces that will be shipped to Detroit's Venus Bronze Works, where the parts of the statue will be cast. Jerry Paffendorf, who is involved in the effort, says the statue "will have a physical, as well as conceptual, origin in Detroit." Location and a completion date are uncertain.

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On the web



Censors in Thailand ban film based on Shakespeare's *Macbeth* as too divisive

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Thriller pays homage to the horror genre

Cabin in the Woods. Director Drew Goddard talks of his love for the masterminds of fright — and things that go bump in the night

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You think you know the story. As the tagline for the new thriller *Cabin in the Woods*, it's a pretty accurate tease. It's also about all that can be said without giving away the film's bizarre plot.

"Here's the most insane version of a horror movie we could possibly come up with so that we could show everyone we love this genre," said filmmaker Drew Goddard of the shocker that hits theatres April 13.

"This is not one of those this-is-so-horrific-it's-going-to-give-you-nightmares horror

movies. This is the one where you laugh as much as you scream."

Set up as a typical genre yarn, *Cabin* casts a group of college kids on a weekend getaway to a creepy wilderness cottage. However, once they get there and the zombies rise ... well, it grows even crazier. It's a film that's imbued with Sam Raimi and the spirit of *Evil Dead* — not shocking considering Goddard's idols.

"Certainly the big benchmarks for me were Sam Raimi and John Carpenter as directors — their films are very much in the DNA of *Cabin in the Woods*," said Goddard, who insists the thriller pays homage to all scary movies.

"I love the journey of the horror film. I love seeing where it's been and I love thinking about where it's going."

Goddard can thank the film's co-writer and television guru Joss Whedon (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*) for his directorial debut. One of Whedon's former writers,



Cabin in the Woods opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Comedy



American Reunion

Directors. Jon Hurwitz, Jason Schlossberg

Stars. Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan, Seann William Scott, Eugene Levy

American Reunion has everything you'd expect from an American Pie flick: sex, nudity and the awkward conversations with Jim's dad (Levy). This latest installment of the Pie franchise centres around the all-important 13th high-school reunion. The gang is back and ready to party like it's 1999. The nostalgic will enjoy *American Reunion* — the film exploits every remotely amusing joke from the original.

REGAN REID

Thriller



The Raid: Redemption

Director. Gareth Evans

Stars. Iko Uwais, Ananda George, Ray Sahetapy

An ingeniously shot and edited low-budget thriller, *The Raid: Redemption* brings Indonesian genre cinema back to life. This Jakarta-set tale of a SWAT team raid gone wrong may be the international action film of the year. Director Gareth Evans stages gunplay and hand-to-hand combat with the exuberance and élan of a director who loves his material, and the cast — actors, stuntmen and martial artists — tear into their physically demanding roles with relish.

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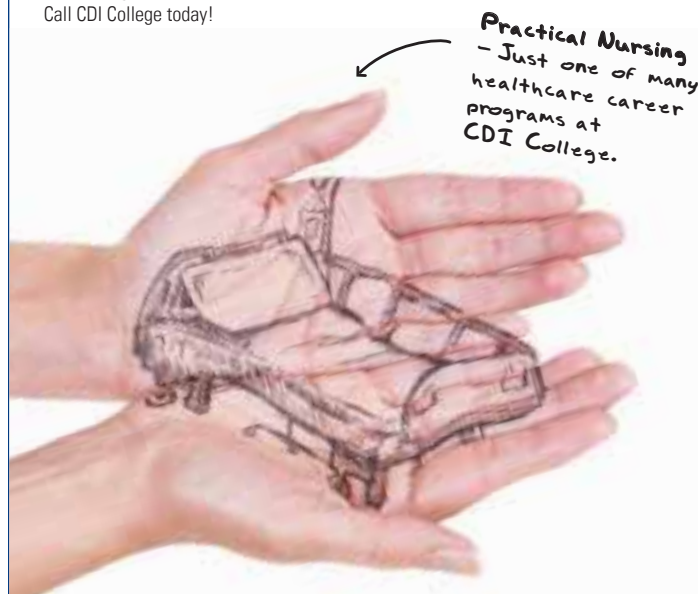
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Why women love Game of Thrones

Fantasy. It's bloody, violent and male-dominated. So why does this show have so many female fans?



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At first glance, the Seven Kingdoms of Westeros (and the Wildlings and Others that live past the northern border) are dominated by a male society. Daughters are wedded off for political advantage, and wives and betrothed who disobey their husbands are slapped across the face.

Despite what appears to be a misogynistic message, HBO's critically acclaimed series *Game of Thrones* has managed to appeal a large base of female fans. From bloggers analyzing women's hatred toward the more conniving female characters to women-run forums dedicated to what female characters they can't wait to see next,

Control

"(The women) have a lot of control over their actions, more than typical women in fantasy stories."

Diya Chaco
Fan of the series

the fairer sex is as enamored with the world that George R. R. Martin created as their male counterparts.

"I could see how men would be more attracted to it. It's a lot of sex and violence — and there's a lot of boobs," Rosanne Stern said. "(The episodes) were based off the time period they were written about. But, a lot of the girls

who have seen it — after they (got over that) there was a lot of sex and violence — we're drawn in as well."

Stern, a 26-year-old English student, faithfully watches the HBO series with her boyfriend. She had previously read the series before the show came out. Despite the

fact that she believes that it is "one of the most well-written series I've come across in a while," Stern rarely found other female fans that shared her passion for the series before the TV show came out. Now, she's noticing that men and women alike reading the books and catching up with



Maisie Williams plays Arya Stark, one of the show's strongest female characters. CONTRIBUTED



the A Song of Fire and Ice saga.

Part of what Stern feels draws women to the series is the strong female characters like Daenerys, the Dothraki princess from House Targaryen, and Brienne of Tarth, a warrior who will be featured on the second season of the show.

Diya Chaco, another female fan of the series, agrees. "You have these women set in this time where there are knights and yes they are princesses, but none of them act like a princess," she explained.

Chaco was first introduced to the series when her mother bought the first book, *A Song of Ice and Fire*, in an airport and gave it to her back in 1999. "It was way too early for me to read it," the 25-year-old editorial producer said, laughing.

When Chaco heard HBO was making a show, she immediately re-bought the books that she had lost during Hurricane Katrina and read them over again. She was drawn in by the fantasy series because it didn't conform to typical tropes.

"I know that there are graphic sex scenes in the book, and to see those graphic sex scenes on the screen is a bit shocking, but it's HBO," Chaco explained.

At the end, what draws most women to the show is the series' universal appeal of a nail-biting plot where no person is safe and strong characters, regardless of their gender.

Keeps trying

Why Finkleman likes playing George Findlay:

- "(He has an) ability to slide out of difficult situations he has created because of his own self-interest ... Ralph Kramden was the same thing on *The Honeymooners* ... we watch him reach for something he never can quite get."

Good God, Finkleman is bringing back George

There's a good reason why Ken Finkleman changed the title of his continuing television series from *Good Dog* to *Good God*.

"It's a different show completely," said the creator, writer and star of the new series that premieres April 9th on The Movie Network. Harkening back to his popular '90s hit *The Newsroom*, *Good God*

this time posits his perpetual character George Findlay as head of a right-wing TV news network — quite a switch from last year's self-reflective sitcom.

But once again, Finkleman gets to explore his interminable George character through another setting. Whether it's in *The Newsroom* or *Good God*, it's an

opportunity that keeps its creator evolving — even if the character doesn't.

"George learns nothing. So what's interesting about him I think is we watch his inability to learn," explained Finkleman — an anti-establishment writer if showbiz ever saw one. "There's no arc, it's a comedy — it's silly."

STEVE GOW/METRO



The setting may change, but Ken Finkleman's George Findlay never does. CONTRIBUTED

Dungeon's & Dragons, with improv: 'Nuff said

Comedy. Fantasy role-playing game at centre of show that's playing at Gas Station Arts Centre



BACKSTAGE PASS
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The DnD Improv Show brings its merry mayhem to the Winnipeg Comedy Festival.

The sword-filled show combines the fantasy role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons with improv comedy. With its serial format and successful runs at the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival, DnD has earned a loyal following.

"People either get attached to the story or attached to the characters, especially the characters," says Chadd Henderson, 29, DnD Improv's Dungeon Master.

"It's funny to see the audience react when a fictional character that we've improvised on stage dies."

"We've tried to adopt the whole wrestling attitude or idea, where you get behind these faces or these heels, the good guys and bad guys. At our last show, the audience knew who the bad guy was as soon as he walked onstage and they booed him."

In DnD Improv, the good

guys don't always win. In fact, all final decisions are made by rolling oversized polyhedral dice.

"We have to improvise around the decisions that the dice are making," says Marc Evans, 28, one of DnD Improv's 14 cast-members.

"In the 2009 Fringe, the bad guys were the victors and some people in the audience were brought tears having to watch the bad guys laugh while standing on this mass of bodies."

To enhance the DnD experience, the troupe uses handmade costumes and armour, LARP (live-action role playing) weapons and even special effects.

"We have non-player characters (NPCs) who help us," Evans says.

"They're dressed in black and they do things like wave and throw fireballs, spray blood and levitate items. Last year, we were doing this thing with magic where you could force choke people and the three NPCs would come out and lift the character off the ground."

LARP? NPC? Yes, DnD Improv is ridden with nerd references but Henderson and Evans says you don't have to be a Dungeons & Dragons devotee to enjoy the show.

"It's similar to when I was a kid watching The Simpsons, where there would be a reference made to a literary character that I didn't get, but it was still very funny," Evans says.

The DnD Improv Show

goes down Thursday and Saturday night at the Gas Station Arts Centre.

Tickets are \$12 (\$8 with student ID) the Gas Station and ticketweb.ca.

Showtime for both shows is 8 p.m.



The DnD Improv Show does battle tonight and Saturday night at the Gas Station Arts Centre. LEIF NORMAN

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Sound Check

The mystery of the giant hole**SOUND CHECK**
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Here is a fundamental question that every vinyl lover has asked: why is the hole of a 7-inch single so big?

For the first 50 years of the turntable's existence, the spindle on which you placed the record, was a standard size: approximately .283 inches.

However, Columbia's archival, RCA, was most annoyed at this new format.

Rather than licence Columbia's technology for their releases, RCA introduced their own new record, the 7-inch single that spun at 45 RPM and had a center hole that measured

1.5-inches in diameter.

RCA wanted their new format to crush Columbia's LPs, so they began selling turntables that could only play 45s.

The thinking was that once someone bought one of these turntables with the fat spindles, they were theoretically locked into buying music in that format from then on. But there was a more scientific reason for the larger hole.

When a new 45 dropped from the spindle onto the turntable, it was required to spin up from a dead stop to 45 RPM very quickly.

This torque tended to cause the small holes to go out-of-round very quickly, causing record to wobble as it spun. The larger hole allowed the sudden rotational force to be distributed over a longer path — $\text{pix } 1.5 = \text{about } 4.712 \text{ inches}$ — reducing wear and allowing the hole to stay round longer.

And now you know.

Of Monsters and Men: You are what you sing

Music scene.

The latest Nordic buzz band is riding a wave since their SXSW breakthrough show

CHRIS LEO PALERMINO
Metro World News

For a country with half the population of Center City, Iceland sure has a diverse music scene. Of Monsters and Men, the latest export from the Nordic nation, were one of the most talked about bands at last month's SXSW. The sextet from Reykjavik hit the U.S. airwaves running when they performed their hit single Little Talks on Seattle radio station KEXP during Iceland Airwaves, their premiere music festival.

"We didn't know what radio station it was. They came to my apartment (to record). We definitely didn't think it would turn out so big," says co-singer and guitarist Ragnar Þórhallsson.

Since then, the orchestral indie pop song has nearly a million plays on YouTube.

The name Of Monsters and Men refers to the topics of their songs, which range from, well, monsters to men.

"Jurassic Park was my favourite film as a child. You grow up listening to a lot of



Of Monsters and Men has been making waves since SXSW. HANDOUT

Quote

"We want to have fun on stage. The energy and the songs come from being a group."

Ragnar Þórhallsson
Talking about why they're successful

Icelandic fantasy stories," says Þórhallsson. "That plays a part in what we're doing."


The group of friends channel the energy of contemporary folk rock groups such as Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros and Mumford & Sons.

"We want to have fun on stage. The energy and the songs come from being a group — everyone is singing along and having fun," says Þórhallsson.

Their infectious energy has crossed international borders, playing into ecstatic

American crowds.

"Americans are very open and welcoming in every city. They want to meet us and shake our hands. It's different from Iceland, where everyone is closed. ... And we don't let anyone in," Þórhallsson observes.



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Justin Timberlake to be officially off the market?



Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel are reportedly looking to tie the knot as soon as this summer, according to People magazine.

"Justin and Jessica are planning a big (summer) wedding," a source says of the plans. "Jessica initially wanted a smaller, more intimate wedding, but Justin from the beginning wanted a big wedding and that's what they have decided on."

He also apparently

wants to be in fantastic shape for the big day.

"Justin has put on a few pounds recently after working out a lot for a movie role, but now with the summer in sight he's back in the gym and working out harder than ever," the source adds. "He's seen the effort Jessica puts in order to stay fit and looking healthy and he doesn't want to go the other way. She's inspired him to get fit again."



Bruno Mars

Bruno Mars denies report that he is gay

Reports of Bruno Mars' coming out of the closet as gay are apparently phony, his rep insists to Hollyscoop.

"Someone pulled a prank and the world has run with it," the singer's rep says. "The Internet is really powerful."

A viewer-submitted CNN story had reported that Mars

had told a Chicago radio station that he's a homosexual.

"The timing is bad. I hadn't realized it was April Fool's Day, but it's been pointed out to me, and I don't want to go too public with this," Mars supposedly said. His rep insists the whole thing was "completely fabricated."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



SNL stars look to leave show



THE WORD
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Two sources have told Us Weekly that several of the best, more recognizable Saturday Night Live players are ready to move on.

"Kristen Wiig, Andy Samberg and Jason Sudeikis are all leaving after the end of the season," says one insider.

"It will be a huge blow to the show. Without

Andy's video shorts and Kristen saving every skit, they'll need help!"

A rep for both Wiig, 38, and Sudeikis, 36, deny the rumor, telling Us, "No decisions are made until the season is over."

But another pal says the timing is right.

"Kristen was talking about leaving a while ago. With her movie success, it's no surprise."

It's time, but it's too bad — they (and the occasional crazy guest host, a la Lindsay Lohan) made the show worth watching this season. Although now that we think about it, that's a pretty sad highlight reel.

Twitter



@rickygervais

Saying "Atheism is a belief system", is like saying "not going skiing, is a hobby."



@GarryShandling

OK, so I misunderstood what planking was at first. Big deal.



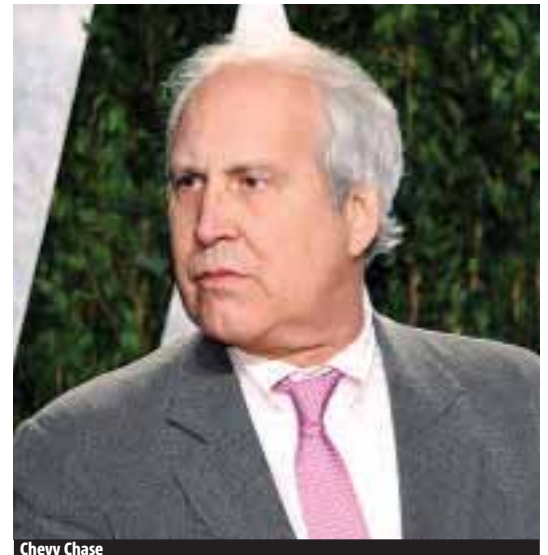
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Ugh, I feel like Burt Reynolds - woke up covered in hair. My giant German Shepherd slept on top of my bed last night. So did my dog.



@SethMacFarlane

"I'M STANDING ON THE FRONT OF A BOAT!" --Titanic (first draft)



Chevy Chase

Chase could be cut out of Community

Chevy Chase's future on the sitcom Community may be in jeopardy after a feud with show creator Dan Harmon, who decided to unload about the dust-up at a recent comedy show he hosts.

As Harmon tells it, Chase stormed off set after a particularly difficult scene, eventually sending Harmon an apology via text message.

"I said f— you. You breached your contract,"

Harmon says.

"And then what happened a day later? That night ... after what I'm guessing is two bottles of Busch Light?"

Harmon then played a voice mail message purportedly from Chase that included the veteran comic actor saying, "If you were here now, I'd f—ing kick your teeth out" and, "You're not funny. You're OK."



Kiss 'n Tell?

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On the Web



Gray hair is in fashion but many working women aren't ready to give up the dye.

Jenna opens the J.Crew door: 'We don't want to be exclusive'

Brand expand. The U.S. brand, with the massive cult following and Michelle Obama endorsement, finally pushes its unique take on high and low global

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News in London

For years, J.Crew was that American company that produced the chic clothes that you coveted but frustratingly couldn't buy. Through Michelle Obama, the rest of the world was introduced to the brand's colourful, up-beat cardigans and pencil skirts, clothes that sit just slightly to the left of classic — meaning, trend-conscious enough without the risk of being out of style six months later. And then there's Jenna Lyons, the president and executive creative director of J.Crew, whose fashion celebrity seems to grow by the day. Her off-beat personal style and knack for seamlessly mixing high and low has become inextricably linked with the brand, not to mention a full-blown fashion blogger obsession.

We talk to Lyons about the company's recent decision to go global (they now ship to 107 countries) after only being available in the U.S. for nearly 30 years.

What makes now the right time to expand internationally?

We were finding that a lot of customers were calling our New York store and asking for things to be shipped overseas. But we had to get our ducks in a row first. We had the



President and executive creative director of J.Crew, Jenna Lyons.

U.S. expansion that we were working on and we were in the process of launching a few really big projects that we needed to have all hands on deck for first. We wanted to do it right.

How do you think J.Crew's American sensibility will translate to a global audience?

Some brands have a very specific look. But we expect you to put your own quirk on it. We're not trying to present

it as only one way of dressing or looking. I love it when we shoot (for our catalogs) in other places. It's great to see what our (staff) come back with. For example, someone will come back with this great Guatemalan piece worn with chinos and loafers. And I can't wait to see the same thing happen with our shoppers in Russia. Or to see what someone in China might do.

The brand is much more

popular with fashion insiders than it was years ago. For example, Manolo Blahnik collaborated with you on your a/w '12 show and you're now selling Comme des Garçons Play. What led to the change?

I think Mickey Drexler (chairman and CEO) has allowed us to step out of the box of what we've done before. We've really tried to develop a clear visual over the last four or five years that's a tad bit



more fashion. Working with the CFDA has also been a big help, getting more intimately acquainted with the designers and people like Diane von Furstenberg and Anna Wintour. People began to have a different trust level with us. People (in the fashion industry) began to view us as being on the inside rather than the outside.

How are you managing to please both your fans who love high fashion and the ones who love the affordable classics?

It's a challenge to mix aspiration with approachability. It's about striking that balance between high and low; it's a part of our DNA. We don't consider ourselves a luxury brand and we don't consider ourselves a high-street brand. We have a wide range of customers.

We're not positioning ourselves as a luxury brand, we're offering you a cohesive way to shop. We don't want to be exclusive, we want people to feel like they can have a piece of the brand. We want to show that you can make anything cool.

Time for a change

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Keep small spaces neutral and add drama on focal points like a fireplace. BENJAMINMOORE.CA

Be careful with some colours

Painting an entire small space any of the three primary colours (apple red, sunflower yellow or cobalt blue) would be a big mistake.

- **Three primary colours.** These shades are the truest form of colour. But they can affect our visual and mental states if we are exposed to them for too long a time.
- **Sunflower yellow.** The true form of yellow is a irritant to the eye (but it's great for powder rooms and hallways).
- **Cobalt blue.** This colour generally lacks personality (but use it to add a punch of colour inside a closet or to paint around cabinetry in a kitchen).
- **Apple red.** This colour creates blood flow and energy (good only for dining rooms).
- **How to use these colours.** If you like yellow or red make sure they are a faded-down, murky version to help soften intensity.

Small space paint primer

Decor ideas. Painting a tiny abode? Here's a few tricks to make it feel larger



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If you are thinking about freshening up your space this spring, there is no better return on your dollar and time then to paint it a new colour.

If you are in a small

space then here are some designer secrets that will make it feel larger than it actually is.

Be consistent

To make the overall space feel as large as possible, paint it one colour.

That colour should be a good neutral that reflects your style in many rooms. Neutrals don't have to be boring; khaki green, blue greys, camel tans and putty creams are all updated neutrals that give personality to a space.

If you really want more than one colour, choose

similar tonal values in the different colours. This will create an even flow of tones throughout the space, making it feel bigger.

Match your trims

If your five-inch baseboards and four-inch crown mouldings are painted the same colour as your walls, you will visually gain nine inches of height in the room.

This little trick will make your space feel taller and loftier.

Interior doors, radiators, mantels and stairs become less interruptive when painted the same colour as

the rest of the space.

Paint trims with a sheen-finished paint for durability and to allow them to stand out.

Keep ceilings white

I have always subscribed to the classic decorator rule that ceilings should be painted a dull white.

Your ceiling is the largest, uninterrupted surface in a room. Keeping it bright helps natural light bounce into the room and makes ceilings appear taller.

A lot of new small places offer exceptionally high ceilings, which often gives

Tip

"Your ceiling is the largest, uninterrupted surface in a room. Keeping it bright helps natural light bounce into the room and makes ceilings appear taller."

the too-tall "cracker-jack box" effect to the room.

In that case paint the ceilings the same as the walls to help bring them down, which inevitably helps visually widen the room.

Paint a punch

In order to add jazz to a small space it's always nice

to highlight a focal point with a splash of paint.

An old mantel painted high-gloss navy blue, a multi-mullioned window painted black, a centrally-located interior door painted citron green are all simple ways to add a punch of colour to your space without chopping it up.

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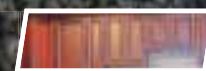
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Reach for matzo meal this Passover for modern bites

Passover Sliders with Caramelized Onions.

Try these tasty bunless burgers for a twist on traditional ingredients

During Passover, much of the culinary focus is on the Seder, the celebratory meal that commemorates the Jewish liberation and exodus from Egypt.

But the special dietary restrictions that go with the holiday last at least a week, which can challenge even the most creative of cooks to come up with interesting meals.

During the week of Passover, Jews are supposed to adhere to dietary restrictions intended to remind them that their ancestors were in such a hurry to get out of Egypt that they didn't even wait for their bread to rise, instead taking matzos, the unleavened flatbreads that are still eaten today.

This is why many Jews avoid foods made with wheat, barley, rye, spelt or oats that have been mixed with water and allowed to stand in the open air for more than 18 minutes — the amount of time it takes for natural leavening to begin.

Which is to say, there's a lot of matzo sold during Passover.

For an easy meal during this holiday, try these Passover sliders. The bunless burgers are dipped in beaten eggs, coated with seasoned matzo meal and fried in olive oil, Passover mar-

Passover Sliders with Caramelized Onions



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

garine or, for the absolute best flavour, chicken or duck fat.

1. Caramelized onions: In saucepan heat oil over medium heat and cook onion and salt, stirring 15 minutes or until soft and golden. Remove from heat and set aside.

2. In bowl, mix ground beef and onion powder. Form beef mixture into 8 equal 5-x-2-cm (2-x-3/4-inch) patties. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

3. In a wide, shallow bowl, mix together matzo meal, salt and

pepper. Dip each beef patty into beaten eggs, turning to coat, then transfer to dish with matzo meal. Turn gently to coat evenly; return to plate.

4. In skillet, heat fat over medium-high heat and fry patties, turning once, 3 mins. per side or until desired doneness until crusty and golden brown. Serve topped with caramelized onions.

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Readers' note

Not all Passover traditions are the same, so the dish on this page may not meet dietary requirements or restrictions.

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Ingredients

- 625 g (1 1/4 lb) lean ground beef
- 5 ml (1 tsp) onion powder
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) matzo meal
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) kosher

chicken fat, duck fat or extra virgin olive oil

Caramelized Onions:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) kosher salt

Cookbook of the Week

Fresh & Easy Kosher Cooking

From Leah Schapira, the founder of cookkosher.com, a rapidly growing online kosher recipe exchange, comes Fresh & Easy Kosher Cooking.

The book contains more than 170 easy-to-make recipes, full-colour photos, side dish pairing suggestions, tips for food preparation and storage as well as a comprehensive index.

Among the recipes are modern eats such as Crispy Oven-Baked Chicken and Deep-Dish Chocolate Chip Pies as well as traditional favourites like Egg and Liver Tower, Four-Section Challah Rolls and Parve Polish Cholent. **METRO**

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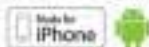
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SPORTS

Jets preview

**Winnipeg at
N.Y. Islanders
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The Jets (37-34-9) visit the Islanders (33-36-11), who have lost three straight. With Evgeni Nabokov (lower-body) out indefinitely, Al Montoya has started New York's last four games, allowing 16 goals in that span. Matt Moulson reached 35 goals for the first time in his career. Moulson has at least 30 goals in each of his last three seasons. Kyle Okposo hasn't scored in two games following a five-game, six-goal scoring streak. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

On the web



At least one former Habs great is out of the running for the Canadiens' vacant GM position. Vincent Damphousse withdrew from consideration on Wednesday. Scan the code to find out who else could be the new head of Montreal's front office.

Can Machacek make the leap?



Spencer Machacek skates with the Jets against the Senators at MTS Centre last week. **MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES FILE**



THE HOCKEY NEWS
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I was really looking forward to seeing Spencer Machacek get a chance in a Winnipeg Jets jersey this season. It took longer than expected, but based on the past 10 games he's had with the team, it looks like we'll see more of him in 2012-13.

Machacek comes from a very well respected Vancouver Giants organization in the Western Hockey League and played on the same team as Boston Bruins bruiser Milan Lucic. A couple years ago, when talking to Giants general manager Scott Bonner about Lucic, he mentioned how Lucic was a self-made player.

He was discovered by chance, signed the next day and through his own work ethic eventually became one of the NHL's better power forwards.

That's when Bonner noted Machacek, at the Giants' captain, was guided by the same desire and passion.

A third-rounder in 2007, Machacek has been a pretty steady producer at the American Hockey League level for the past three seasons and likely would have improved his totals had he not gotten the call-up. And

Quoted

"With the Jets now out of the playoff picture, Machacek should see more ice in the final couple of games, just as he did against the Panthers Tuesday night."

the early returns in the NHL are very promising.

Even though he was playing a bit role in getting between five and nine minutes for nine games, Machacek still managed two goals and eight points. With the Jets now out of the playoff picture, he should see more ice in the final couple of games, just as he did against the Panthers Tuesday night.

Don't get me wrong, Machacek won't come in next year and lead the team in scoring. But he has learned the pro game gradually in the AHL, which is the smart way to success, and has the work ethic behind him. While the team will lose a couple depth forwards this summer, Machacek will fit in nicely and, in turn, help keep salary cap costs down.

It's not a big development, but it's one with more upside than you might initially think.

Curling

Canada in playoffs at the world championship

Canadian skip Glenn Howard booked his ticket to the Page 1-versus-2 playoff Wednesday at the world curling championship with two wins on Wednesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MLB

Votto signs long-term deal

Canadian slugger Joey Votto agreed to a 12-year deal worth \$251.5 million US with the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday. It's the longest guaranteed contract in major-league history.

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Joey Votto **GETTY IMAGES**

MLB season opener

Marlins open new digs with loss

Kyle Lohse didn't allow a hit until the seventh inning and pitched into the eighth Wednesday night to help the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals spoil the Miami Marlins' debut in their new ballpark, 4-1.

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UFC



"Their first two fights were absolute wars and this one promises to be just as thrilling."

UFC president Dana White on Canadian lightweight Sam Stout's June 22 fight against Spencer Fisher in Atlantic City, N.J.

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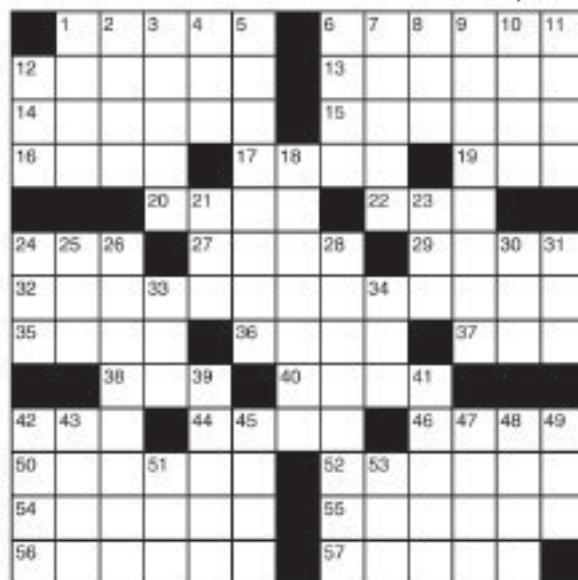
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- 6 Van Gogh painting
- 12 Open declaration
- 13 El — (place of wealth)
- 14 Fidel's capital
- 15 Gave temporarily
- 16 Brewery creations
- 17 "— of Our Lives"
- 19 Modern-day evidence
- 20 Greet
- 22 Mai —
- 24 Witness
- 27 Cabin makeup
- 29 Night light
- 32 Half a bicycle-shop duo
- 35 "The best — schemes ..."
- 36 Busy as —
- 37 La-la lead-in
- 38 Comic Costello
- 40 Take ten
- 42 Not dis?
- 44 In apple-pie order
- 46 Parks or Bonheur
- 50 Ailing
- 52 Hurt
- 54 Ear affliction
- 55 Votes into office
- 56 Washington group
- 57 Staff

Down

- 1 Squashed circle
- 2 Wander
- 3 Inundated
- 4 A Bobsey twin
- 5 Iris' cousin
- 6 One way to stand by
- 7 Perch
- 8 401(k) alternative
- 9 Chargers' home
- 10 Paradise
- 11 Pop
- 12 "Eureka!"
- 18 Math course
- 21 Everything
- 23 Blackbird
- 24 Scale member
- 25 Mound stat
- 26 Plot-contrived villain
- 28 Fragrant flower
- 30 Kin of 12-Down
- 31 To the — degree
- 33 Bachelor's last words
- 34 — judicata
- 39 Dark
- 41 Took a whack at
- 42 Pairs
- 43 Initial stake
- 45 Otherwise
- 47 Previously



- 48 Soundstages
- 49 Billboards
- 51 Greek vowel
- 53 Will Smith biopic

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another.
Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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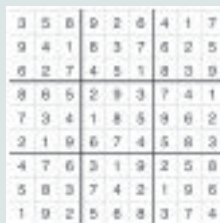
Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20.

There can be no half measures for you today. You know what you want and you know how to get it.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Identify your priorities and resist the urge to start something new, even if it makes you extra money.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Flex your muscles and remind those you live and work with that you are not the sort who is easily beaten. They'll back off.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You'll discover something interesting about a friend today that they might prefer you and the world did not know. Be tactful. Try not to embarrass them.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

People like to think that they know best, but best for one individual is not necessarily best for another. Keep that in mind today.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You can change something about your life that you no longer enjoy. Channel the time you save into more productive activities.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Follow your instincts and take a few chances today. You will get many more cheers than boos.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You may be tempted to let someone get away with comments about you that are clearly untrue, maybe even defamatory. Don't.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

If there is something you want, you will find a way to get it, even if it means treading on a few toes and bruising a few egos.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

Family members are in the driving seat at the moment so you might as well sit back and enjoy the ride. Everyone will do as you tell them today. There will be no shortage of people who want you to act for their benefit. Ignore them.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

You'll get the chance to show what you are made of today and to show that you have what it takes. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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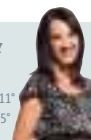


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